



**Hang-a-Left Regatta
Grand Lagoon Yacht Club
Pensacola, FL
March 20th-22nd, 2026**

2026 Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the S2 7.9 Class Rules; 8-28-2024.
 - 1.1.a For the S2 7.9 class, class rule 3.6.1. is changed so that there is no maximum crew weight
- 1.2. Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS44.1.
- 1.3. The Official Notice Board will be located on the event page on the Regatta Network site. Courtesy postings will be at the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club (GLYC) “Down Under” message board.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notice to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the GLYC’s “Down Under”.

- 2.2. There will be NO general competitors meeting on each race day, however, there is a MANDATORY Skippers meeting on Thursday, March 19th, “Down Under” at 1800.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board “Down Under” at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole located on the southeast corner of the upper deck at GLYC.
- 4.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.”

5. Schedule of Races and Events

- 5.1. Thursday, March 19th, All Day
 - Set up, launch and enjoy the Club
 - Package Pickup
 - 1800 – ***MANDATORY SKIPPERS MEETING*****NOTICE: In lieu of daily competitor’s meetings, either the skipper and/or a representative from each boat must attend this competitor/safety briefing!
- 5.2. Friday, March 20th
 - 0700 – 0800 Continental Breakfast, Down Under
 - 0700 – 0800 Final Package Pickup
 - 1030 First Warning
- 5.3. Saturday, March 21st
 - 0700 – 0800 Continental Breakfast
 - 1030 First Warning
 - 1730 S2 Social, Low Country Shrimp Boil w/Band, Down Under
- 5.4. Sunday, March 22
 - 0700 - 0800 Continental Breakfast
 - 1000 First Warning
 - 1430 No Warning after this time
 - 1630 or TBA: Awards and Meal

6. Courses

- 6.1. Courses will be windward/leeward and the RC will display the number of legs.
- 6.2. Total course lengths will be a minimum of 1 NM and a maximum of 2 NM.
- 6.3. See Attachment A.

7. Racing Area

7.1 Races will all be conducted in Pensacola Bay. See Attachment B.

8. Marks

8.1 All marks will be inflatable buoys. The upwind mark will be an orange tetrahedron with an orange ball for the offset mark. The leeward mark(s) will be orange tetrahedrons, and may or may not be a gate. The port end starting mark will be a green tetrahedron.

9. Race Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be from the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the green starting mark at the port end. The finish line will be same as the starting line.

9.3 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the Bow Number or Sail Number of any OCS boats on Channel 71 VHF-FM. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

10.1. Any change to course for the next leg will be announced on Channel 71.

11. The Finish

11.1 the Finish line will be between the Blue Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the green tetrahedron on the port end.

12. Time Limit

12.1 The first boat shall round the first windward mark in 45 minutes or less. The first boat shall complete the course in 2 hours and 30 minutes or less. Any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF.

13. Protests

13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the 'race Committee within 45 minutes after the RC boat docks.

13.2 After the protest time limit a list of protests received will be posted on the Notice Board. "Down Under".

13.3 Protest Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

14. Scoring

14.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score, with the exception of a DSQ.

15. Prizes

15.1 Trophies will be awarded following all Races on Sunday as listed in the NOR.

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 Boats shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16.3 The Race Committee strongly recommends that all Competitors wear Personal Floatation Devices throughout the Regatta.

17. Replacement of Crew and Equipment

17.1 Substitution of damaged sails shall comply with S2 7.9 rule 3.7.B.

18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

18.1 Any condition required by the S2 7.9 Rules may be inspected or measured at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, or Class Officers.

19. Haul Out Restrictions

19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out of laid on shore after 0900 on March 21, 2026 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

20. Diving Equipment

20.1 No swimming or diving will be allowed on boats after 0900 on March 20, 2026.

21. Radio Communications

21.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9(11).

21.2 Channel 71 will be used for communication to all racers.

21.3 The Race Committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

22. Disclaimer

22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (See RRS 3, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

22.2. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor

inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

- 22.3. Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.
- 22.4. The Person in Charge shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages, and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the Regatta.

23. Insurance

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on site during package pickup.

24. Contact Information

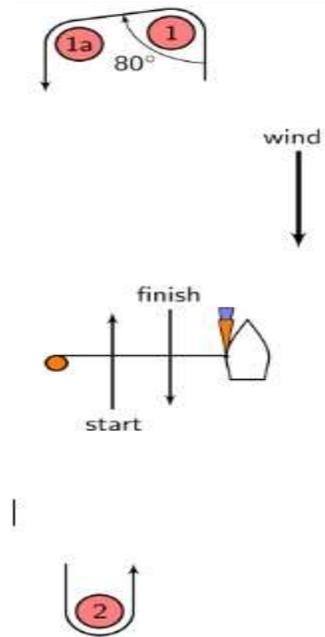
24.1 Venue Address: Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, 10653 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola, Fl 32507

24.2 Event/Regatta Chairman: Bill Elder, 615-308-6426, billelder4@gmail.com

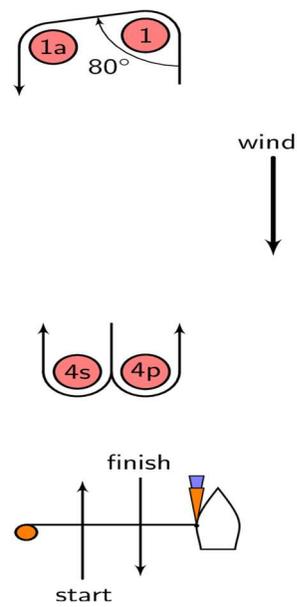
24.3 Principal Race Officer: Kevin Marshall, 251-776-3914, kevinlmarshall@yahoo.com

Attachment A: Windward/Leeward Courses w/offset.

Course 1:



Course 2:



Attachment B: Sailing area in Pensacola Bay

